

VICTORY OVER ENFIELD— IT COMES TOO LATE!



Wanderers centre-forward Vince Faulkner just fails by inches to win a heading duel with Enfield pivot Alf D'Arcy.

Wycombe Wanderers 1, Enfield 0

IN FRONT of England team manager Charles Hughes, Wycombe Wanderers treated a large crowd at Loakes Park on Good Friday evening to a display of aggressive, attacking football to dent the champions elect.

Wanderers mounted a terrific second half barrage on the Enfield area hunting for further goals. Led by the never-say-die spirit of Vince Faulkner, Wycombe often had the Enfield defence at panic stations.

Little was seen of Enfield's attack and John Maskell could hardly have expected a quieter evening's work. The majority of the danger to his goal was cut out in midfield by the quick tackling of Ian Rundle and Julian Lailey,

Lailey could not have chosen a more opportune moment to show what a fine defensive cover he is becoming. His reading of the game and dangerous situations is superb, always on hand to cover.

In the forward line Worley displayed some of his magical talents but will continue to waste his good work by refusing to release the ball at the right moment to a colleague.

Enfield, without the services of Tony Harding and John Adams in the forward line, who have scored 40 goals between them this season, were often in trouble as their defenders appeared slow on the turn.

Wycombe's chief striker Tony Horseman was given precious little room in which to operate but Faulkner always needed watching as he roamed and harassed with regular monotony. How the Enfield defence must have grown tired of seeing him!

ONLY GOAL

The only goal of what was expected to be an uncompromising battle — and it certainly materialised this way — came after 16 minutes.

Slater, who again appeared to be starved of possession far too much, whipped over a cross to find Faulkner and Worley with room to breathe.

A sensible piece of calling allowed Faulkner to take the opportunity of running round the back of Worley and slam a drive past Wolstenholme's left hand and into the top corner.

The whole of the second half belonged to Wanderers. Territorially, they were well in command and Horseman came into the picture with a fine curling free-kick around the defensive wall, which so nearly caught Wolstenholme off guard.

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Half Time 1-0
Score - Faulkner 1G

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On the stroke of full-time Worley slipped through the Enfield defence again, with D'Arcy who is shortly to go into hospital for a cartilage operation looking particularly uncomfortable, and thundered a tremendous drive against the underside of the bar as Mr. E. L. Press signalled time.

Although Wycombe can draw satisfaction from defeating the current Isthmian champions and the future title holders elect — their success has come just a little too late. Enfield, with games in hand on the rest of their opponents, have only to take a point per game to ensure that the title is theirs again.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell; L. Temel, C. Gale; J. Lailey, I. Rundle, D. Thomas; L. Worley, B. Baker, V. Faulkner, A. Horseman, P. Slater.